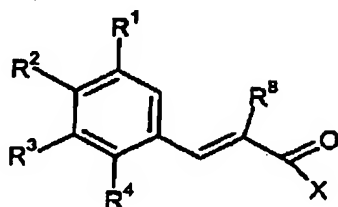


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IN THE CLAIMS:

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10. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound of formula
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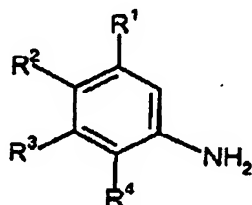
(III).

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are identical or different and in each case represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine, at least two of these radicals being other than hydrogen and

X represents OR^5 or $N(R^6)(R^7)$, where R^5 represents hydrogen or optionally substituted C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or benzyl and R^6 and R^7 are identical or different and in each case represent optionally substituted C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl and

R^8 represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine or optionally substituted C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl,

the process comprising: reacting (1) an aniline of the formula (IV)



(IV).